REMARKS

Applicant has cancelled claims 8, 9 and 18, and amended claims 1, 11 and 21. Solely to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicant has incorporated the language of claims 8 and 9 into claim 1, and claim 18 into claim 11.

As a preliminary matter, Applicant has reviewed the Office Action and it appears that the rejection of claims is based on an English translation (filed July 5, 2001) of an original international application. However, Applicant notes that a Substitute Specification with substitute claims was filed earlier on March 29, 2001 as part of the national phase entry. Applicant respectfully submits that the Substitute Specification and its claims should be examined rather than the original claims contained in the English translation.

The Examiner noted that an IDS filed July 5, 2001 fails to list all references for consideration. According to Applicant's records, there was no IDS filed on July 5, 2001. For the IDS that Applicant did file on March 29, 2001, the Examiner has initialed all of the references listed on form 1449 in the current Office Action. Applicant respectfully requests clarification on this objection or fax of the IDS to Applicant at the number indicated below on the signature page so that a proper response can be filed.

The Examiner objected to the Abstract as being in improper form. Applicant is herewith submitting a new Abstract on a separate sheet herewith to replace the current Abstract.

The Examiner objected to claims 6-10 and 16-21 under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.75(c) as being in improper multiple dependent form. As stated above, Applicant submits that the objection is based on old claims that were in the English translation of the original intenation application. Applicant respectfully requests that the new claims that were presented in the Substitute Specification filed on March 29, 2001 be considered which have been amended to conform to U.S. practice and which have no multiple dependency of the old claims.

The Examiner also objected to claim 11 because it includes reference characters (11) which are not enclosed in parentheses. As stated above, the new claim in the Substitute Specification does not have any reference numerals.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-5 and 11-15 under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) as being anticipated by Wicks (US Patent No. 5889473). The Examiner also rejected the same claims under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) as being anticipated by Higuchi (US Patent No. 6313735). As Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 11 to incorporate the language of claims 8 and 9, and 18, respectively, and since claims 8, 9 and 18 have not been addressed by the Examiner, the rejection of independent claims 1 and 11 are considered moot at
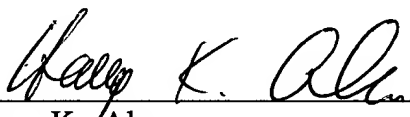
this time. Applicant notes that the changes to claims 1, 11 and 21 are being solely made to advance the prosecution of this application and that Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application with the original unamended set of claims.

Briefly, according to claim 1 as amended, a region is divided into a plurality of information cells (for example, region 1 is shown in FIG. 1 and each information cell is shown in FIG. 5). Each information cell has a transmitter that transmits information associated with events that can be reproduced by a hand-held device (for example, each event information may be a discussion of a particular painting in a museum). None of the cited references, either alone or in combination, teach or suggest such a novel combination.

Based upon the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and its earlier allowance. Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorney would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact him at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted

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